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Whitehall, April 15.

HER Majesty hath been pleased to Constitute the Duke of Shrewsbury Lord-Chamberlain of Her Houshold; and in Consideration of the Good and Faithful Services of the Marquis of Kent, with which Her Majesty is very well satisfied, to create him a Duke of this Kingdom.

At the Court at St. James's, April 16, 1710.

PRESENT,

The Queen's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

This Day his Grace Charles Duke of Shrewsbury, Lord-Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Houshold, was, by Her Majesty's Command, Sworn one of the Lords of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

Turin, April 9. *N. S.* Letters from Naples of the 25th past bring us an Account, that Admiral Baker having convoyed several Transports to the Archipelago, to load Corn for the use of our Troops in Catalonia, had left two Men of War to bring them back, and was returned with his Squadron to Taranto, to take under his care the Ships which were loading Corn at that Port for Barcelona. Letters from Rome of the 29th past say, that Cardinal Sperelli lately died there, in the seventy third Year of his Age; that the Pope was again so much indisposed that his Physicians were apprehensive of his sudden Decrase, and had advised him to remove to Castle Gandolfo for the benefit of the Air, and that Orders were given to prepare that Place for his Reception. Two Sicilian Galleys came into Leghorn last Week from Messina to join the Duke de Tursis's Galleys, which were expected at that Place from Genoa, in order to sail to Port Longone, and take on Board the Troops designed for the Expedition on Sardinia. The first Battalion of Deport's Regiment of Foot, which hath been posted during the Winter about Suza, passed by this Place last Thursday on their March to the Valley d'Aost, where they are to make the Campaign; and the second Battalion, which was Quartered at Ivrea, arrived here the same Day, in order to remain in Garrison here this Summer. The Regiment of Savoy, which was quartered at Alexandria, arrived also last Night at Moncallie on their Way to Giavene at the Foot of the Mountains. The Regiment of Montferrat was likewise ordered to march from Cazal, but is countermanded by reason of the Snow that is lately fallen; and the rest of his Royal Highness's Infantry is in Motion to the several Posts, where they are to remain this Summer. Mr. Chetwynd, the British Resident at Genoa, arrived here last Saturday, and on Monday General Zumjungen came from Milan to concert with her Britannick Majesty's Envoy to the Duke of Savoy, the necessary Dispositions for the Embarkation and Subsistance of the Troops designed for Catalonia. General Zumjungen returned again to Milan Yesterday, but Mr. Chetwynd will stay some Days longer at this Court. The Duke of Savoy has been indisposed for some Days, which hindered his coming to Town last Friday as usual; but being recovered, he is expected here on Friday next, in order to pass the Festival of Easter in this City.

Venice, April 11. *N. S.* They write from Naples, That General Vauban was making the necessary Dispositions for embarking a Regiment of Horse, and another of Foot, for Barcelona; and that Admiral Baker continued at Taranto. Letters from Rome, of the 5th Instant, give us a full Account of the Pope's Preparations for his Journey to Loretto, which they report his Holiness intended to make very speedily. He has ordered eight thousand Crowns for preparing the Roads; and Litters are ready, with Post-Chaises, and other Necessaries for the Journey. The Congregation appointed to settle the Affairs of Commachio continue their Consultations, which are kept very secret. The Prince of Avellino was expected daily with the Character of Ambassador-Extraordinary from the King of Spain. His Excellency will be attended by a numerous Retinue, and is to lodge in the Palace of the Constable Colonna, to whom he is nearly related. A solemn *Te Deum* has been sung at Rome for the Re-establishment of the Roman Catholick Religion in Saxony.

Brussels, April 23. *N. S.* Letters from the Frontiers say, that Count Tilly having joined the Confederate Army assembled in the Neighbourhood of Tournay on the 19th Instant, Preparations were immediately made for penetrating into the Plains of Lens; accordingly the Army decamped from Willemaux on the 20th, at five of the Clock in the Afternoon, and marched all Night in four Columns towards the Enemies Lines. The Duke of Wirtemberg was detach'd the Day before with a Body of fifteen thousand Men, with Orders to pass the Marque at Pont à Tressin. After the Disposition for the March of the Army was made, Lieutenant-General Cadogan was commanded to observe what Places of the Lines were most passable, and advanced before the Grand Army to Pont à Vendin, where finding no Enemy to oppose him, he forthwith ordered Pontoons to be laid, which was executed before seven of the Clock in the Morning, and immediately ordered a Detachment of Granadiers to march over, and cover the Passage of the rest of his Troops, in case he should meet with any Opposition. At the same time he sent an Express to signifie to the Duke of Marlborough his successful Passage without the Effusion of Blood. Upon this Intelligence the Duke advanced with the Right Wing of the Army with all possible diligence. In the mean time Prince Eugene marched with the same Expedition to Pont Dellau and Courieres, where the rest of the Army passed likewise without meeting any Resistance. About Noon the whole was drawn up in the Plains of Lens, where our Army halted for some Hours to refresh the Troops, and then renewed their March towards the Scarpe, in order to encamp between Lens and that River, that they might pursue their Route towards Douay with the greater Expedition, and, in order to Besiege that Place, dislodge the Enemy from behind the Scarpe, or give them Battel. According to this Disposition, Orders were given to the Army to decamp about ten in the Morning on the 22d; and Letters of that Date from Lisle say, that they had actually invested Douay, of which a Confirmation is expected by our next Advices.

From the Camp at Goullezin, April 23. *N. S.* On Sunday the 20th Instant the Duke of Wirtemberg, with a Detachment of fifty Squadrons and fourteen Battalions of the Column commanded by his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, was ordered to advance at ten in the Morning from the Camp near Tournay, with several Pontons, towards Pont à Vendin on the Deulle, and the Prince of Savoy sent Count Felz at the same time with a Detachment towards Courieres on the Canal nearer to Douay, the Post of Pont Oby being found impracticable. At six in the Afternoon the whole Army followed, and marched all Night; about ten the next Morning the Duke of Marlborough with his Troops came to Pont à Vendin, and found the Duke of Wirtemberg posseset of the Redoubt made for the Security of that Post, and the Bridges laid for the Passage of our Troops those of the Enemy encamped